

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-33 and 47-58 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to reduce the issues for appeal.

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 34-46 will be pending.

The present Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. The present Amendment does not introduce new matter. The above amendments were not previously made as it was only after reviewing the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action of March 23, 2004 and considering further the cited art and preparing the attached Appeal Brief, that the appellants believe issues for appeal will be reduced by entry of the above amendments.

Entry of the above amendments are requested.

The remaining claims 34-46 are submitted to be patentable for the reasons of record as well as in the attached Appeal Brief.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection of claims 34-46 over Speck *et al* (WO96/04395 A1), Moriuchi *et al* (J. Virol. 1993, vol. 67, pp. 2739-2746) and Purewall (Virology 1994, vol. 198, pp. 385-389) are requested along with a Notice of Allowance.

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